(d) The Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 is being implemented since 1st June, 1955.

District Disability Rehabilitation Centres in Punjab

2063. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of demand and supply of supporting equipment for handicapped in respect of District disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) in Punjab during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) the measures taken to ensure supply for the equipments as per the demands; and

(c) the details of the camps organized to provide supporting equipment to handicapped in the State during the last three years, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) DDRCs of Punjab have been provided aids and appliances as per requirement by 4 DDRCs of Amritsar, Firozpur, Patiala and Sangrur.

(c) During last three years, 102 camps have been organized for distribution of aids and appliances in the Districts of Gurudaspur, Faridkot, Firozpur, Jalandhar, Patiala, Ropar and Sangrur.

SCs/STs List

2064. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the dalit communities included in the SC/ST list for the benefit of reservation;

(b) the details of those who are not in the above list;

(c) whether there is demand for inclusion of the remaining communities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) 1206 and 706 number of communities respectively have been specified as Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in various Constitutional Orders as amended from time to time.

(b) to (d) The receipts of requests for inclusion of communities in the

list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is an ongoing process and such requests are processed in accordance with the approved modalities.

Care of Old age dependants by Government employees

2065. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed all the Central Government Departments to issue instructions to all the Government employees under the Services Conduct Rules to take due care of the old and the aged dependent on them and to warn that action would be taken against those guilty of neglecting them; and

(b) if so, the details of the instructions issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Reservation in private sector

†2066. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to provide reservation to SCs, STs and Other Backward Classes in Private Companies also;

(b) if so, whether the percentage and nature of this reservation have been determined; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) A Group of Ministers (GoM) has been constituted to examine the issue of affirmative action, including reservation, in private sector. The dialogue initiated by the GoM with the apex associations of industry and trade to see how best the private sector can fulfill the aspirations of the youth belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is in progress.

List of Minorities

2067. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL

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